

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10- 06**

WHEREAS, the Interdepartmental Council on Early Childhood Education ("Interdepartmental Council") was established pursuant to Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended by Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, to assist with state-level coordination among the various sectors and settings of early childhood education in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Interdepartmental Council currently serves as the public sector counterpart to the nonprofit Good Beginnings Alliance, but the Interdepartmental Council is to be repealed on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 ("Public Law 110-134") requires the establishment of a State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care ("State Advisory Council") in order to receive Head Start collaboration grants from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Children and Families of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has announced the availability of \$100,000,000 of total funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to improve coordination and collaboration among early childhood education and care programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the funding appropriated by ARRA is for one-time startup grants to develop and implement the plans of the State Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has been allocated \$500,000 for its State Advisory Council and increased federal funding will improve the State's delivery and coordination of early childhood education programs and services to Hawaii's children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Hawaii must designate or establish a State Advisory Council in order to be eligible for an applicable grant under ARRA; and

WHEREAS, section 29-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that the Governor "may accept, on behalf of the State, the provisions of any act of Congress making grants or allotments of federal-aid moneys available for expenditure in the State"; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the State Advisory Council, as established by federal law, are similar to the goals of the Interdepartmental Council; and

WHEREAS, section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Governor of the State of Hawaii to establish such temporary boards and commissions as the Governor "may deem necessary to gather information or furnish advice for the executive branch" and to prescribe the temporary board or commission's "organization, functions, and authority";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of Hawaii, pursuant to the provisions of sections 26-41 and 29-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, do hereby establish and continue the Interdepartmental Council as described in Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended by Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, as a temporary commission and also establish the Hawaii State Advisory Council as a temporary commission to provide advice and public input to the Interdepartmental Council. I further order as follows:

1. The Interdepartmental Council shall have the members and the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Act 77, Session Laws of Hawaii 1977, as amended by Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000.

2. Membership on the Hawaii State Advisory Council shall include the members of the Interdepartmental Council. In addition to the members of the Interdepartmental Council, the Governor shall appoint the following representatives to serve on the Hawaii State Advisory Council:

- (a) One member from an institution of higher education located in the State;

- (b) One member that is a local provider of early childhood education and development services;

- (c) One member from a Head Start provider agency located within the State; and

- (d) The state director of Head Start State Collaboration Project of the State Department of Human Services.

3. The Governor shall designate an individual to coordinate the activities of the State Advisory Council, as described in Public Law 110-134;

4. The Hawaii State Advisory Council shall meet the criteria and carry out the duties and functions prescribed in Public Law 110-134, in addition to any responsibilities assigned to the Hawaii State Advisory Council by the Governor, including the following:

(a) Conduct periodic needs assessment of the quality and availability of early childhood education and development programs, including an assessment of the availability of high-quality pre-kindergarten services for low-income children in the State;

(b) Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among federally funded and state-funded programs and agencies responsible for child development, child care, and early childhood education programs and services;

(c) Develop recommendations for increasing participation of children in existing federal, state, and local child care and early education programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special populations;

(d) Develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a unified data collection system for public early childhood education and development programs and services throughout the State;

(e) Develop recommendations regarding statewide professional development and career advancement plans for early childhood educators in the State;

(f) Assess the capacity and effectiveness of two- and four-year public and private institutions of higher education in the State toward supporting the development of early childhood educators, including the extent to which such institutions have in place articulation agreements, professional development and career advancement plans, and practice or internships for students to spend time in a Head Start or pre-kindergarten program;

(g) Make recommendations for improvements in state early learning standards and, where appropriate, develop high-quality comprehensive early learning standards; and

(h) Facilitate the development or enhancement of high-quality systems of early childhood education and care designed to improve school preparedness through one or more of the following activities:

(i) Promoting school preparedness in children from birth through school entry;

(ii) Supporting professional development, recruitment, and retention initiatives for early childhood educators;

(iii) Enhancing existing early childhood education and developmental programs and services; and

(iv) Carrying out other activities consistent with the State's plan and application.

5. The Hawaii State Advisory Council shall hold public meetings or hearings and provide an opportunity for public comment on the activities described above and the Hawaii State Advisory Council shall submit a statewide strategic report addressing such activities, in accordance with Public Law 110-134; and

6. After the Hawaii State Advisory Council submits a statewide strategic report, the Interdepartmental Council shall meet periodically to review any implementation of the recommendations in such report and any changes in State and local needs, in accordance with Public Law 110-134.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Interdepartmental Council and the Hawaii State Advisory Council shall be placed within the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes. All members of the Interdepartmental Council and the Hawaii State Advisory Council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the meetings of the Interdepartmental Council and the Hawaii State Advisory Council shall be subject to the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any rights or benefits, whether substantive or procedural, or enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of Hawaii or its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Interdepartmental Council and the Hawaii State Advisory Council shall be terminated upon the completion of their respective duties and responsibilities, but no later than the last day of the Regular Session of 2012 of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii or beyond the period required to receive federal grants-in-aid, whichever occurs later; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these provisions are subject to amendment by Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to affixed the Great Seal of the State of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,

State of Hawaii, this 12<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 2010.



LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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